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	AIRBAG DEVICE)	
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**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION OF PATENT
FOR PTO MISTAKE (37 C.F.R. § 1.322(a))**

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ATTENTION: Certificate of Correction Branch

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.322, the above-specified Patentee, through his attorneys, respectfully request that a Certificate of Correction be issued for the above-referenced patent to correct the following errors.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 5, Column 7, line 26 (Approx.), change "airing" to -- airbag -- (from Examiner's Amendment, page 1, Claim 5, line 1).

Claim 5, Column 7, line 28 (Approx.), change "general" to -- generally -- (from Examiner's Amendment, page 1, Claim 5, line 3).

REMARKS

The above-requested changes represent errors which occurred during printing of the patent on the part of the Patent Office. Attached hereto is Form PTO/SB/44 incorporating the requested change.

In accordance with procedures set forth in the notice entitled "Expedited Issuance of Certificates of Correction When the Error is Attributable to the United States Patent and Trademark Office," Patentee submit herewith a copy of the Examiner's Amendment sent with the Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability on October 25, 2006, so that this request can be processed without the patent file.

It is believed that issuance of a Certificate of Correction is appropriate and should be issued without expense to the patentee and such is respectfully requested.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in respect to this communication to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

Respectfully submitted,
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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

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Claim 5, Column 7, line 26 (Approx.), change "airing" to -- airbag -- (from Examiner's Amendment page 1, Claim 5, line 1); and

Claim 5, Column 7, line 28 (Approx.), change "general" to -- generally -- (from Examiner's Amendment, page 1, Claim 5, line 3).

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is required in order to make an examiner's amendment which places this application in condition for allowance. During a telephone conversation conducted on September 20, 2006, Stephen S. Favakeh requested an extension of time for 1 MONTH(S) and authorized the Director to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1135 the required fee of \$120 for this extension and authorized the following examiner's amendment. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

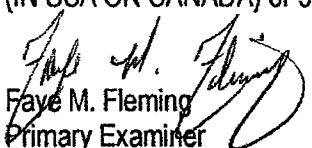
The application has been amended as follows:

Art Unit: 3616

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Faye M. Fleming whose telephone number is (571) 272-6672. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9:00-5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paul Dickson can be reached on (571) 272-6669. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently amended) [The airbag device of claim 1] An airbag device for a vehicle having a handlebar, the airbag device comprising:
an airbag for being deployed in an area generally adjacent the handlebar;
an inflator for supplying inflation gas to the airbag; and
a retainer for the airbag and the inflator with at least one of the airbag and the retainer being secured to the handlebar and the retainer being entirely external relative to the handlebar,
wherein both the airbag and the retainer include mounts for being [are] directly secured to the handlebar.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Currently amended) [The airbag device of claim 4] An airbag device for a vehicle having a handlebar, the airbag device comprising:
an airbag for being deployed in an area generally adjacent the handlebar; and
a retainer for the airbag with at least one of the airbag and the retainer being secured to the handlebar, wherein the retainer includes an engaging portion that contacts the handlebar,
the retainer engaging portion has a predetermined configuration substantially complimentary to that of the handlebar to allow the engaging portion to be in substantially flush contact with the handlebar, and

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wherein the predetermined configuration of the handlebar engaging portion is substantially concave to match a convex curvature of the handlebar.

6. (Currently amended) [The airbag device of claim 4] An airbag device for a vehicle having a handlebar, the airbag device comprising:

an airbag for being deployed in an area generally adjacent the handlebar;
a retainer for the airbag with at least one of the airbag and the retainer being secured to the handlebar, wherein the retainer includes an engaging portion that contacts the handlebar,

the retainer engaging portion has a predetermined configuration substantially complimentary to that of the handlebar to allow the engaging portion to be in substantially flush contact with the handlebar, and

wherein the handlebar engaging portion of the retainer comprises an arcuate recess.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently amended) [The airbag device of claim 7 wherein] In combination, an airbag device for a vehicle, and a handlebar of the vehicle, the combination comprising:

an airbag for being deployed in an area generally adjacent the handlebar;
an inflator for supplying inflation gas to the airbag;
a retainer for the airbag and the inflator with at least one of the airbag and the retainer being secured to the handlebar and the retainer being entirely external relative to the handlebar,

wherein the handlebar has a pair of laterally spaced and generally upwardly extending side portions, and the retainer extends between the handlebar side portions, and the retainer or the airbag include portions that extend laterally beyond the handlebar side portions.

9. (Previously presented) An airbag device for a vehicle, the airbag device comprising:

a handlebar;

an airbag for being deployed in an area generally adjacent the handlebar; and

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a retainer for the airbag with at least one of the airbag and the retainer being secured to the handlebar;

wherein the handlebar has a pair of laterally spaced and generally upwardly extending side portions, and the retainer extends between the handlebar side portions, and the handlebar includes end portions extending laterally outward from upper ends of the handlebar side portions with the retainer secured to the side portions and the airbag secured to the end portions.

10. (Original) The airbag device of claim 9 wherein the retainer includes a cover spanning the handlebar side portions and extending over at least portions of the handlebar end portions.

11. (Currently amended) The airbag device of claim [7] 5 wherein the retainer and the airbag are disposed entirely between [the] handlebar side portions.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously presented) A restraint system for a vehicle, the restraint system comprising:

a handlebar; and

an airbag assembly including an airbag and a retainer therefor with the airbag assembly being mounted to the handlebar, wherein the handlebar has a generally arcuate outer surface, and the airbag retainer has a generally arcuate recess that is in close fitting engagement with the handlebar outer surface.

14. (Currently amended) The restraint system of claim [12] 13 wherein the handlebar has laterally spaced side portions, and the airbag retainer extends between the handlebar side portions.

15. (Original) [The restraint system of claim 12] A restraint system for a vehicle, the restraint system comprising:

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a handlebar having a substantially hollow, tubular configuration; and
an airbag assembly including an airbag, an inflator and a retainer therefor with the
airbag assembly being externally mounted to the hollow handlebar so that the airbag
assembly is entirely outside the hollow handlebar.
wherein both the airbag and the retainer are independently secured to the handlebar.

16. (Previously presented) A restraint system for a vehicle, the restraint system comprising:

a handlebar; and

an airbag assembly including an airbag and a retainer therefor with the airbag assembly being mounted to the handlebar;

wherein both the airbag and the retainer are secured to the handlebar, and the handlebar includes laterally spaced side portions that extend upwardly and include respective end portions that extend laterally outward therefrom with the retainer secured to the side portions and the airbag including accordion fold portions secured to the end portions.

17. (Currently amended) The restraint system of claim [12] 13 wherein only the retainer is secured to the handlebar.

18. (Original) The restraint system of claim 17 wherein the airbag has a roll-folded configuration in the retainer.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently amended) The restraint system of claim [12] 13 including a motorcycle with the handlebar being for steering the motorcycle.